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A God-Breathed Book

The Holy Bible was given to man as God's perfect mirror by which to measure the soul. It is impossible to know perfect truth or doctrines, to rightly divide those things taught by men, or to measure one's own soul as to God's will unless we have this mirror. Any cracks in the mirror create a distorted image. The more cracks there are in the mirror the more the image will distort and confuse the searching gaze of the human soul.

The Infallible Autographs

Clearly, God never intended that His Word would be less than infallible and pure so that man could stand before His God without doubt or confusion. The Holy Spirit breathed a perfect and infallible revelation. Even the creators of new versions and the new Evangelicals that champion them will argue for the perfect and inerrant original autographs. It would be dangerous indeed to question the perfect action of God's Sovereign Spirit in delivering a clear undiluted message by His servants, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:20-21). God is perfect and cannot act otherwise.

The argument begins at this point. Has God preserved His Word so that we now have an infallible mirror or must we trust in the image of a distorted reflection? Are 20th Century Christians cast upon a sea with varying compasses, each reflecting a different nuance of what the Scripture would instruct us? What did our God intend and teach us in Scripture itself concerning the future of an infallible original text?

Let's Review What the Bible Says About Its Own Future

The Scripture itself abounds with promises that God would preserve a pure Word for all generations. Our Father has no respect of persons and that certainly means generations of persons right down through the changing nations and dispensations. The warnings against corruption of Scripture are powerful reminders of His intent to protect truth. Since the Holy Spirit acts upon and through Holy Truth and since there is absolutely no other method, the Word of God had to be preserved or His entire kingdom would suffer collapse.

In the beginning the Holy Words of God declared, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:2b-3). Not a molecule of atmospheric movement would occur until God spoke. It was the "words" of God acting within the flow of God's Spirit that drove back darkness and changed the entire universe we now occupy. The pure "words" from God have never lost one ounce of their power. Only when the "Words" are distorted do they cease to challenge and drive back darkness.

The Psalmist David echoed this truth in his revelations from God, "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever" (Psalm 12:6-7). By divine breath from God, David said that God's Words were pure, as silver heated in a furnace seven different times, extracting every sub-ingredient and then promised that God would keep them and preserve them from that "generation (to) forever."

The executive directors for the NIV and NASB, plus other supporters, said that verse seven was not talking about the Scriptures' preservation, but rather the people mentioned in prior verses. (Personal account of interviews during taping of The John Ankerberg Show.) These people were desperate to destroy the truth of these verses because these verses destroy the total argument for their distorted Bible. The NIV changed verse seven from "Thou shalt keep them; O Lord . . ." to "O Lord, you will keep us safe . . ." It is not hard to judge such action as self-serving and wrong.

Jeremiah, the flaming prophet, was warned by God concerning His responsibility to speak the whole truth. God said to him, "Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word" (Jeremiah 26:2).

Notice the warning from God to Jeremiah. God said, "Diminish not a word." The original idea that "words have consequence" begins with the Creator. One word moved, altered, omitted, or added can change the meaning or mute the message. The originator of languages was not man, but God. He taught Adam and Eve a language by communicating with them in the garden. He added multiple languages at Babel to hinder their godless pursuits.

Words are so valuable to God that He named His Eternal Son, the "Word of God." When He said, "diminish not a word," He was forever settling that ultimate truth comes only from God and must not be tampered with by man.

The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, stated emphatically that the First Testament He held in His hand was perfect even to the "jots and tittles." He further stated that not one of these punctuation marks (jots and tittles) would falter from their place until everything in His program for eternity is fulfilled. That's an incredible promise! Notice His entire remarks on this occasion: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17-19).

Jesus Christ was "The Word . . . made flesh" (John 1:14). You cannot separate the "Living Word" from the "Written Word." Just as surely as Jesus was the "express (perfect) image of the Father" (Hebrews 1:3), so the Holy Bible is the perfect expression of His revelations. To change the words of the Holy Scripture is just as serious as to mar His face with spittle or crown His head with thorns. Every time a translator loosely plays with one word of God, they are redriving the nails into His hands and feet. The arrogant textual critics of our day are crucifying Him afresh and bringing Him to an open shame.

The last warning of Scripture is a warning to those who would alter the eternal words that God had breathed to men. It is not the last warning by accident. The Lamb of God is clearly the central figure of the Book of Revelation. Jesus Christ is the author and He clearly condemns any omissions or additions to any part of Holy Scripture.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18-19).

Paraphrasing of Many Scriptures Add to the Problem

The problems in new versions are compounded by the multiple instances of paraphrasing. In other words, not only do they follow a corrupt Greek text in numerous places, they paraphrase much of the text which disagrees with the KJV. The NIV admitted that paraphrasing was a problem in their version. Here is a quote in their own words, "In the preface to the NIV, the Committee on Bible Translations states that sometimes it was necessary to modify sentence structure and to move away from a word-for-word translation in order to be faithful to the thought of the biblical writers and to produce a truly accurate translation. Since its publication, however, a number of observers have criticized the less literal approach of the NIV and have pointed to "interpretational intrusions" foisted on the text. While it may be true that at times the NIV translators have been guilty of reading something into the text . . ." (The

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NIV, the Making of a Contemporary Translation, "When Literal is Not Accurate," Herbert M. Wolf, p. 128.)

The above statement is a verbatim quote. Dr. D.A Waite, a dear friend and Bible scholar, documented 6,653 instances of paraphrasing in the NIV text. The translators call this Dynamic Equivalence. Instead of simply translating the words of the text word-for-word, they use a moveable approach where they decide for everybody when a different word or words would be better according to their opinion.

Let me give you an example. They changed "Master" to "teacher" forty-eight times in reference to Jesus Christ. Every time Jesus was called the "Master," they called Him the "teacher." It was their opinion that "teacher" was a better term for our generation.

Don't Believe the Lies about the King James Bible
The desperate effort of men who promote the new version has given rise to many false rumors. One of those rumors concerns King James himself. Some have resorted to repeating a lie about him being a homosexual. This was a concoction of his enemies who sought to destroy his reputation. The Catholic Church hated him because of the break between England and Rome. This hate was compounded when he authorized the translation of a quality English Bible for the people. It is reported with good documentation that the Radical Jesuit organization within the Catholic Church was created to destroy King James and the King James Version Bible. King James was subject to one plot to assassinate him and the lie about his homosexuality was started after his death.

Whatever King James was, he had nothing to do with the translations of the Scripture. The men who acted as translators were many times superior to the translators of our present day. Most of our colleges and universities are hotbeds of liberalism. The men chosen to translate the King James Bible were scholars par excellence. Lancelot Andrews was conversant in fifteen languages. William Bedwell was an eminent Oriental scholar, schooled in the Aramaic language. He also compiled an Aramaic lexicon in three volumes and worked on a Persian dictionary. Miles Smith researched the early church fathers, including about 300 different individual authors who wrote in Greek and Latin. These authors covered the Early Church period from approximately 100 A.D. to 600 A.D. This material gave Dr. Smith a tremendous proof of the very text read and quoted by these 300 individuals right from the Early Church period.

Dr. Henry Savile was the tutor of Greek and mathematics to Queen Elizabeth. He translated the writing of numerous noted authors from Latin into English. John Bois was capable of reading the Hebrew Bible at five years of age and could write Hebrew legibly at six years of age. (Documentation taken from Defending the King James Bible, by D.A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D.)

The documentation of the King James Bible translation is extremely extensive and settles beyond measure their eminent scholarship. These men were the best the king of England could acquire and completely eclipse modern day text and critics. It isn't any wonder that the King James Bible is not only the infallible and superior translation; it is a masterful work of literary art.

The Anchor of the Human Soul
The soul of man is priceless. Not only is our soul priceless, it is eternal and the anchor of our soul must be secure. Individuals who seek their anchor in the quicksand of unsure translations are going to suffer spiritual disaster. All new translations have their own copywriter and by copyright law each new version must change the wording. The result is a smorgasbord of ideas and wording. Our soul was created by God and cannot be secure until His perfect revelation is our anchor.

It is extremely dangerous to trust in a distorted version. If the new versions presented a united front by being in agreement with each other, that trust would seem more justified. But, when each must spend millions to buy you with sleek advertisements, it would take a foolish person to believe their lies.

The facts and reasons are on the side of a Bible that has never been proven wrong. No weary traveler has lost his way when he filled his heart with the words from the King James Authorized Bible.

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A Handy Reference For King James Bible Believers

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Introduction

As Bible-believing Christians, we believe that the words of the King James Authorized Version are the pure and preserved words of God for the English speaking people. This booklet has been written to help fellow Bible-believers defend themselves against the fiery darts of the wicked Laodiceans and Alexandrians who do not believe that any human being should have a printed final authority to guide him through this wicked world of darkness and deceit.

I realize it is unusual to see such a brief booklet addressing so many subjects, but it is my personal belief that this is what many people need in these last days. *The Bible Believer's Helpful Little Handbook* has been well accepted by Christians because of its variety, its brevity, and its scriptural content. I've tried to stick to that same basic principle in this booklet. Since this is mainly a reference guide, it isn't necessary for you to read the entire booklet in order to appreciate many of the truths it contains. Each small section contains valuable truths that the active Bible-believer will find helpful time after time. However, if you'll take the time to read the entire booklet, you will learn many things that will increase your faith in God's preserved word. You will also become more equipped to do battle with the Alexandrian apostates who work endlessly in their efforts to replace your two-edged sword with a toothpick. These people take great delight in ridiculing and intimidating people like you and I, and far too often they win because we do not know the answers. With a good knowledge of the information in the forthcoming pages, you CAN know the answers and you can win a few battles of your own.

I urge you to become familiar with this little booklet. Mark or highlight the special places that will be most useful to you. Keep a copy close by and when the moment is right, USE IT!

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. (Psa. 12:6-7)

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Reasons for Accepting the KJV as God's Preserved Word

1. God promised to preserve His words (Psa. 12:6-7; Mat. 24:35). There has to be a preserved copy of God's pure words somewhere. If it isn't the KJV, then what is it?
2. It has no copyright. The *text* of the KJV may be reproduced by anyone for there is no copyright forbidding its duplication. This is not true with the modern perversions.
3. The KJV produces good fruit (Mat. 7:17-20). No modern translation can compare to the KJV when it comes to *producing good fruit*. For nearly four hundred years, God has used the preaching and teaching of the KJV to bring hundreds of millions to Christ. Laodicean Christians might favor the new versions, but the Holy Spirit doesn't.
4. The KJV was translated during the Philadelphia church period (Rev. 3:7-13). The modern versions begin to appear rather late on the scene as the lukewarm Laodicean period gets underway (Rev. 3:14-22), but the KJV was produced way back in 1611, just in time for the many great revivals (1700-1900). The Philadelphia church was the only church that did not receive a rebuke from the Lord Jesus Christ, and it was the only church that "kept" God's word (Rev. 3:8).
5. The KJV translators were honest in their work. When the translators had to add certain words, largely due to idiom changes, they placed the added words in italics so we'd know the difference. This is not the case with many new translations.
6. All new translations compare themselves to the KJV. Isn't it strange that the new versions never compare themselves to one another? For some strange reason they all line up against one Book—the A.V. 1611. I wonder why? Try Matthew 12:26.
7. The KJV translators believed they were handling the very words of God (1 Ths. 2:13). Just read the King James Dedication and compare it to the prefaces in the modern versions. Immediately, you will see a world of difference in the approach and attitude of the translators. Which group would YOU pick for translating a book?
8. The KJV is supported by far more evidence. Of over 5,300 pieces of manuscript evidence, ninety-five percent supports the King James Bible! The changes in the new versions are based on the remaining five percent of manuscripts, most of which are from Alexandria, Egypt. (There are only two lines of Bibles: *the Devil's line from Alexandria, and the Lord's line from Antioch*. We'll deal with this later.)

9. No one has ever proven that the KJV is not God's word. The 1611 should be considered innocent until proven guilty with a significant amount of genuine manuscript evidence.

10. The KJV exalts the Lord Jesus Christ. The true scriptures should testify of Jesus Christ (John 5:39). There is no book on this planet which exalts Christ higher than the King James Bible. In numerous places the new perversions attack the Deity of Christ, the Blood Atonement, the Resurrection, salvation by grace through faith, and the Second Coming. The true scriptures will *TESTIFY* of Jesus Christ, not *ATTACK* Him!

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Questions for the KJV Critics

1. Since you're smart enough to find "mistakes" in the KJV, why don't you correct them all and give us a perfect Bible?
2. Do you have a perfect Bible?
3. Since you do believe "the Bible" is our final authority in all matters of faith and *practice*, could you please show us where Jesus, Peter, James, Paul, or John ever *practiced* your terminology ("the Greek text says...the Hebrew text says...the originals say...a better rendering would be....older manuscripts read...." etc.)?
4. Since you do not profess to have a perfect Bible, why do you refer to it as "God's word"?
5. Remembering that the Holy Spirit is the greatest Teacher (John 16:12-15; 1 John 2:27), who taught you that the King James Bible was not infallible, the Holy Spirit or man?
6. Since you do believe in the degeneration of man and in the degeneration of the world system in general, why is it that you believe education has somehow "evolved" and that men are more qualified to translate God's word today than in 1611?
7. There is one true God, yet many false gods. There is one true Church, consisting of true born-again believers in Christ, yet there are many false churches. So why do you think it's so wrong to teach that there is one true Bible, yet many false "bibles"?
8. Isn't it true that you believe God inspired His holy words in the "originals," but has since *lost* them, since no one has a perfect Bible today?
9. Isn't it true that when you use the term "the Greek text" you are being deceitful and lying, since there are MANY Greek TEXTS (plural), rather than just one?
10. Before the first new perversion was published in 1881 (the RV), the King James Bible was published, preached, and taught throughout the world. God blessed these efforts and hundreds of millions were saved. Today, with the many new translations on the market, very few are being saved. The great revivals are over. Who has gained the most from the new versions, God or Satan?

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Seventy-five Common Sayings

The King James Bible is supposedly written in an "old and archaic language" that people today have trouble understanding, but please notice how so many of our modern sayings come from between it's covers. Hundreds could be presented, but we'll limit ourselves to seventy-five:

1. Genesis 4:2-5: *can't get blood from a turnip*
2. Genesis 7: *don't miss the boat*
3. Genesis 11:7-9: *babbling*
4. Genesis 15:5: *teller*
5. Genesis 43:34: *mess (of food)*
6. Exodus 19:16-18: *holy smoke*
7. Exodus 28:42: *britches*
8. Exodus 32:8: *holy cow*
9. Leviticus 2:14: *roast ears*
10. Leviticus 13:10: *the quick (rawflesh)*
11. Leviticus 14:5-6: *running water*
12. Leviticus 16:8: *scapegoat*
13. Leviticus 25:10: *Liberty Bell*
14. Numbers 21:5: *light bread*
15. Numbers 35:2-5: *suburb*
16. Deuteronomy 2:14: *wasted him*
17. Deuteronomy 24:5: *cheer up*
18. Deuteronomy 32:10: *apple of his eye*
19. Judges 5:20: *star wars*
20. Judges 7:5-12: *under dog*
21. Judges 8:16: *teach a lesson*
22. Judges 17:10: calling a priest *father*

23. I Samuel 14:12: *I'll show you a thing or two*
24. I Samuel 20:40: *artillery*
25. I Samuel 25:37: *petrified*
26. II Samuel 19:18: *ferry boat*
27. I Kings 3:7: *don't know if he's coming or going*
28. I Kings 14:3: *cracklins*
29. I Kings 14:6: *that's heavy*
30. I Kings 21:19-23: *she's gone to the dogs*
31. II Chronicles 9:6: *you haven't heard half of it*
32. II Chronicles 30:6: *postman*
33. Nehemiah 13:11: *set them in their place*
34. Esther 7:9: *he hung himself*
35. Job 11:16: *It's water under the bridge*
36. Job 20:6: *he has his head in the clouds*
37. Psalm 4:8: *lay me down to sleep*
38. Psalm 19:3-4: *he gave me a line*
39. Psalm 37:13: *his day is coming*
40. Psalm 58:8: *pass away (dying)*
41. Psalm 64:3-4: *shoot off your mouth*
42. Psalm 78:25: *angel's food cake*
43. Psalm 141:10: *give him enough rope and he'll hang himself*
44. Proverbs 7:22: *dumb as an ox*
45. Proverbs 13:24: *spare the rod, spoil the child*
46. Proverbs 18:6: *he is asking for it*
47. Proverbs 24:16: *can't keep a good man down*
48. Proverbs 25:14: *full of hot air*
49. Proverbs 30:30: *king of beasts*
50. Ecclesiastes 10:19: *money talks*
51. Ecclesiastes 10:20: *a little bird told me*
52. Song Solomon 2:5: *lovesick*
53. Isaiah 52:8: *see eye to eye*
54. Jeremiah 23:25: *I have a dream (MLK, Jr)*
55. Ezekiel 26:9: *engines*
56. Ezekiel 38:9: *desert storm or storm troopers*
57. Daniel 3:21: *hose (leg wear)*
58. Daniel 8:25: *foreign policy*
59. Daniel 11:38: *the force be with you (star wars)*
60. Hosea 7:8: *half-baked*
61. Jonah 4:10-11: *can't tell left from right*
62. Zephaniah 3:8-9: *United Nations Assembly*
63. Matthew 25:1-10: *burning the midnight oil*
64. Matthew 25:33: *right or left side of an issue*
65. Matthew 27:46: *for crying out loud*
66. Mark 5:13: *hog wild*
67. Luke 11:46: *won't lift a finger to help*

68. Luke 15:17: *he came to himself*
69. Romans 2:23: *breaking the law*
70. Philippians 3:2: *beware of dog*
71. Colossians 2:14: *they nailed him*
72. I John 5:11-13: *get a life*
73. Revelation 6:8: *hell on earth*
74. Revelation 16:13: *a frog in my throat*
75. Revelation 20:15: *go jump in the lake*

If you've checked these references, then you can easily see how our all-wise God has played a beautiful joke on the modern revisionists. *People who do not even believe the KJV quote it every day!* Furthermore, if you'll grab yourself a NIV, a NCV, a TEV, or anything else, you'll find that many of these modern sayings have been destroyed by the "better language" of the Laodiceans.

For example, I always thought that when I was a young boy my father and I crossed the Mississippi on a *ferry boat* (II Sam. 19:18), but I guess we must have *crossed at the ford* instead (NIV). Then there were times when I got out of line and dad would really *set me in my place* (Neh. 13:11). Too bad he didn't have a NIV, for he could have *stationed me at my post*. I guess there was nothing dad loved more than going out early on Saturday mornings and catching a *mess* of fish (Gen. 43:34). It's a good thing we didn't have a NKJV in those days, for he would have only caught a *serving*. We usually had hushpuppies with that fish dinner, but sometimes we just had *light bread* (Num. 21:5). That is, until the neighbors came over with their New American Bible. Then we had *wretched food*. Then dad would always say, "*Cheer up*, son, it'll be better next time!" (Deu. 24:5) Too bad he didn't have a NKJV, for I'm sure he would have said, "Come on, boy, *bring happiness to yourself!*"

So you get the point: *the newversions don't stand a chance when competing with the KJV to use the most "modern" speech!* Go ahead, have yourself some fun. Learn to appreciate God's sense of humor! Grab a new translation and see first hand how the modern versions are still stuck in the Dark Ages when it comes to keeping up with modern speech.

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The Italicized Words

If we are to believe what we hear from the critics, then we must accept the notion that the italicized words in the King James Bible do not belong. We are told that the words were added by the translators and are not the words of God. If this is true, then please explain why Luke, Paul, John, Peter, and even the Lord Jesus QUOTE them! The column on the right shows how New Testament writers and speakers QUOTE the King James italics of the Old Testament:

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	NEW TESTAMENT QUOTE
I have set the LORD always before me: because <i>he is</i> at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (Psa. 16:8)	For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: (Acts 2:25)
Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out <i>the corn</i> . (Deu. 25:4)	For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? (I Cor. 9:9. Also see I Tim. 5:18)
And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every <i>word</i> that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. (Deu. 8:3)	But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Mat. 4:4)
I have said, Ye <i>are</i> gods; and all of you <i>are</i> children of the most High. (Psa. 82:6)	Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (John 10:34)
Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner <i>stone</i> , a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. (Isa. 28:16)	Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (I Pet. 2:6)

Did you notice that the New Testament writers QUOTE the words in italics? This means they WERE actually in the originals! When Jesus said, "It is written..." (Mat. 4:4), he was saying that the word "word" was also written—even if the *King James translators didn't have it in the Hebrew Old Testament!* Like it or not, the Holy Spirit led them to use the word anyhow! If He didn't, then why did Jesus quote it?

Also, we have the case of *WHO killed Goliath?* II Samuel 21:19 in the KJV says: "And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam." The words "*the brother of*" are in italics. If these words were omitted, then the Bible would say that Elhanan slew Goliath, instead of his brother, which would contradict the fact that David killed Goliath. (In fact, this is exactly how the New World Translation reads!) If you'll check I Chronicles 20:5, you'll see that the italics of II Samuel 21:19 are well justified. Moral: *The English sheds light on the English—WITHOUT "the Greek."*

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Antioch vs. Alexandria

We hear much talk these days about "older" and "more authoritative" manuscripts, but we aren't hearing much about the *origin* of these manuscripts. It is a well established fact that there are only two lines of Bibles: one coming from Antioch, Syria (known as the Syrian or Byzantine type text), and one coming from Alexandria, Egypt (known as the Egyptian or Hesychian type text). The Syrian text from Antioch is the Majority text from which our King James 1611 comes, and the Egyptian text is the minority text from which the new perversions come. (Never mind Rome and her *Western* text, for she got her manuscripts from Alexandria.)

The manuscripts from Antioch were mostly copied by Bible-believing Christians for the purpose of winning souls and spreading the word of God. The manuscripts

from Alexandria were produced by infidels such as Origen Adamantius and Clement of Alexandria. These manuscripts are corrupted with Greek philosophy (Col. 2:8), and allegorical foolishness (not believing God's word literally). The strange thing is that most Christians aren't paying any attention to what God's word says about these two places! Notice how the Holy Spirit casts Egypt and Alexandria in a NEGATIVE light, while His comments on Antioch tend to be very positive:

Egypt and Alexandria

1. Egypt is first mentioned in connection with Abraham not trusting Egyptians around his wife (Gen. 12:10-13).
2. One of the greatest types of Christ in the Bible was sold into Egypt as a slave (Gen. 37:36).>
3. Joseph did not want his bones left in Egypt (Gen. 50:25).
4. God killed all the firstborn of Egypt (Exo. 12:12).
5. God calls Egypt "the house of bondage" (Exo. 20:4).
6. God calls Egypt an "iron furnace" (Deu. 4:20).
7. The Kings of Israel were even forbidden to get horses from Egypt (Deu. 17:16), so why should we look there for a Bible?
8. The Jews were forbidden to go to Egypt for help (Jer. 42:13-19).
9. God plans to punish Egypt (Jer. 46:25).
10. God calls His Son out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; Mat. 2:15).
11. Egypt is placed in the same category as Sodom (Rev. 11:8).
12. The first time Alexandria is mentioned in the Bible, it is associated with unbelievers, persecution, and the eventual death of Stephen (Acts 6:9; 7:54-60).
13. The next mention of Alexandria involves a lost preacher who has to be set straight on his doctrine (Acts 18:24-26).
14. The last two times we read about Alexandria is in Acts 27:6 and Acts 28:11. Here we learn that Paul was carried to his eventual death in Rome by two ships from Alexandria.

Alexandria was the second largest city of the Roman Empire, with Rome being the first. It was founded in 332 B.C. by Alexander the Great (a type of the Antichrist in Daniel 8). Located at the Nile Delta, Alexandria was the home of the Pharos Lighthouse, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient world. Also, during the second and third centuries B.C., it was the home of a massive library containing between 500,000 and 700,000 volumes. It was also the home of a catechetical school once headmastered by the great apostate Adamantius Origen (185-254 A.D.).

QUESTION: In light of what God's word says about higher knowledge and philosophy (I Cor. 1:22; Rom. 1:22; Gen. 3:5; Col. 2:8; I Cor. 8:1), why would any serious Christian expect to find the true word of God in Alexandrian manuscripts?

Antioch

1. Upon it's first mention, we find that Antioch is the home of a Spirit-filled deacon (Acts 6:3-5). *Do you suppose it is a mere accident that the Holy Spirit first mentions Antioch in the same chapter where He first mentions Alexandria?*
2. In Acts 11:19, Antioch is a shelter for persecuted saints.
3. The first major movement of the Holy Ghost among the Gentiles occurs in Antioch (Acts 11:20-21).
4. Paul and Barnabas taught the Bible in Antioch for a whole year (Acts 11:26).
5. The disciples were first called "Christians" at Antioch (Acts 11:26).
6. The church at Antioch sends relief to the poor saints at Jerusalem (Acts 11:27-30).
7. The first missionary journey is sent out from Antioch (Acts 13:1-3).
8. Antioch remains the home base or headquarters of the early church (Acts 14:19-26; 15:35).
9. The final decision of the Jerusalem council was first sent to Antioch (Acts 15:19-23, 30), because Antioch was the home base.
10. Antioch was the location of Paul setting Peter straight on his doctrine (Gal. 2:11).

Founded in 300 B.C. by Seleucus Nicator, Antioch was the third largest city of the Roman Empire. Located in Syria, about twenty miles inland from the Mediterranean on the Orontes River, Antioch had it's on sea port and more than it's share of travelers and tradesmen. In His infinite wisdom, God picked the ideal location for a "home base". Antioch was far enough away from the culture and traditions of the Jews (Jerusalem and Judaea) and the Gentiles (Rome, Greece, Alexandria, etc) that new Christians could grow in the Lord. Meanwhile, it's geographical location was ideal for taking God's word into all the world.

So, friend, you have a choice. You can get your Bible from Alexandria, or you can get it from Antioch. If you have a KJV, then your Bible is based on manuscripts from Antioch. If you have a new version, then you are one of many unfortunate victims of Satan's salesmen from Alexandria, Egypt.

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Sinaiticus and Vaticanus

When someone "corrects" the King James Bible with "more authoritative manuscripts" or "older manuscripts," or "the best authorities," they're usually making some reference to Sinaiticus or Vaticanus. These are two very corrupt fourth century uncials that are practically worshipped by modern scholars. These are the primary manuscripts that Westcott and Hort relied so heavily on when constructing their Greek text (1851-1871) on which the new versions are based.

Vaticanus (B) is the most worshipped. This manuscript was officially catalogued in the Vatican library in 1475, and is still property of the Vatican today. Sinaiticus (Aleph) was discovered in a trash can at St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai by Count Tischendorf, a German scholar, in the year 1844. Both B and Aleph are Roman Catholic manuscripts. Remember that! You might also familiarize yourself with the following facts:

1. Both manuscripts contain the Apocrypha as part of the Old Testament.
2. Tischendorf, who had seen both manuscripts, believed they were written by the same man, possibly Eusebius of Caesarea (260-340 A.D.).

3. Vaticanus was available to the King James translators, but God gave them sense enough to ignore it.
4. Vaticanus omits Geneses 1:1-46:28, Psalm 106-138, Matthew 16:2-3, Rom. 16:24, I Timothy through Titus, the entire book of Revelation, and it conveniently ends the book of Hebrews at Hebrews 9:14. *If you're familiar with Hebrews 10, you know why.*
5. While adding *The Epistle of Barnabas* and *The Shepherd of Hermas* to the New Testament, Siniaticus omits John 5:4, 8:1-11, Matthew 16:2-3, Romans 16:24, Mark 16:9-20, Acts 8:37, and I John 5:7 (just to name a few).
6. It is believed that Siniaticus has been altered by as many as ten different men. Consequently, it is a very sloppy piece of work (which is probably the reason for it being in a trash can). Many transcript errors, such as missing words and repeated sentences are found throughout it.
7. The Dutch scholar, Erasmus (1469-1536), who produced the world's first printed Greek New Testament, rejected the readings of Vaticanus and Siniaticus.
8. Vaticanus and Siniaticus not only disagree with the Majority Text from which the KJV came, they also differ from each other. In the four Gospels alone, they differ over 3,000 times!
9. When someone says that B and Aleph are the oldest available manuscripts, they are lying. There are many Syriac and Latin translations from as far back as the SECOND CENTURY that agree with the King James readings. For instance, the Peshitta (145 A.D.), and the Old Syriac (400 A.D.) both contain strong support for the King James readings. There are about fifty extant copies of the Old Latin from about 157 A.D., which is over two hundred years before Jerome was conveniently chosen by Rome to "revise" it. Then Ulfilas produced a Gothic version for Europe in A.D. 330. The Armenian Bible, which agrees with the King James, has over 1,200 extant copies and was translated by Mesrob around the year 400. Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are clearly NOT the oldest and best manuscripts.

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Facts about Westcott and Hort

Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901) and Fenton John Anthony Hort (1828-1892) were the two English "scholars" who produced the corrupt Greek text of the modern versions. Their dominating influence on the revision committee of 1871-1881 accounts for most of the corruption that we have today in modern translations. The Bible believer should keep several points in mind when discussing these two men. The following information is well documented in *Final Authority*, by William Grady, and in Riplinger's *NewAge Bible Versions*:

1. Together, the *Life and Letters of Brooke Foss Westcott* and the *Life and Letters of Fenton John Anthony Hort* run over 1,800 pages. A personal salvation testimony is not given once for either man, and the name "Jesus" is found only nine times!
2. Westcott was a firm believer in Mary worship, and Hort claimed that Mary worship had a lot in common with Jesus worship.
3. Hort believed in keeping Roman Catholic sacraments.
4. Hort believed in baptismal regeneration as taught in the Catholic church.
5. Hort rejected the infallibility of Scripture.
6. Hort took great interest in the works of Charles Darwin, while both he and Westcott rejected the literal account of Creation.
7. Westcott did not believe in the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, or a literal Heaven.
8. Both men rejected the doctrine of a literal Hell, and they supported prayers for the dead in purgatory.
9. Hort refused to believe in the Trinity.
10. Hort refused to believe in angels.
11. Westcott confessed that he was a communist by nature.
12. Hort confessed that he hated democracy in all it's forms.
13. Westcott also did his share of beer drinking. In fact, only twelve years after the Revised Version was published, Westcott was a spokesman for a brewery.
14. While working on their Greek text (1851-1871), and while working on the Revision Committee for the Revised Version (1871-1881), Westcott and Hort were also keeping company with "*seducing spirits and doctrines of devils*" (I Tim. 4:1). Both men took great interest in occult practices and clubs. They started the *Hermes Club* in 1845, the *Ghostly Guild* in 1851, and Hort joined a secret club called *The Apostles* in the same year. They also started the *Eranus Club* in 1872. These were spiritualists groups which believed in such unscriptural practices as *communicating with the dead* (necromancy).
15. The Westcott and Hort Greek text was SECRETLY given to the Revision Committee.
16. The members of the Revision Committee of 1881 were sworn to a pledge of secrecy in regard to the new Greek text being used, and they met in silence for ten years.
17. The corrupt Greek text of Westcott and Hort was not released to the public until just five days before the debut of the Revised Version. This prevented Bible-believing scholars like Dean Burgon from reviewing it and exposing it for the piece of trash that it was.

QUESTION: Does this sound like an HONEST work of God or a DISHONEST work of the Devil?

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Translating the King James Bible

Unlike Westcott, Hort, and the R.V. Committee, King James went through great efforts to guard the 1611 translation from errors. Please note the following:

1. In 1604, King James announced that fifty-four Hebrew and Greek scholars had been appointed to translate a new Bible for English speaking people. The number was reduced to forty-seven by the time the work formally began in 1607.
2. Rather than working together all at one location, these men were divided into six separate groups, which worked at three separate locations. There were two at Westminster, two at Oxford, and two at Cambridge.
3. Each group was given a selected portion of Scripture to translate.

4. Each scholar made his own translation of a book, and then passed it on to be reviewed by each member of his group.
5. The whole group then went over the book together.
6. Once a group had completed a book of the Bible, they sent it to be reviewed by the other five groups.
7. All objectionable and questionable translating was marked and noted, and then it was returned to the original group for consideration.
8. A special committee was formed by selecting one leader from each group. This committee worked out all of the remaining differences and presented a finished copy for the printers in 1611.
9. This means that the King James Bible had to pass at least *FOURTEEN* examinations before going to press.
10. Throughout this entire process, any learned individuals of the land could be called upon for their judgment, and the churches were kept informed of the progress.

QUESTION: Does THIS sound like an HONEST work of God or a DISHONEST work of the Devil?

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Let's Compare Bibles

In this section, we have reprinted our *Let's Compare Bibles* tract. Here you will see several good examples of how modern Bible versions are attacking God's word. We have selected eight modern translations for evaluation. The translations evaluated are as follows:

NIV..... New International Version

NASB... New American Standard Bible

NRSV... New Revised Standard Version

REB..... Revised English Bible

LB..... Living Bible

NWT..... New World Translation

NAB New American Bible

NKJV.... New King James Version

Although we have limited this study to eight new translations, you will find many of these attacks manifested in ANY new translation. You will find that some of the most important doctrines of the Bible are being attacked in the new versions. Whether you have a Living Bible, a New Century Version, a Revised Standard Version, or any of the other perversions of Scripture, you are going to see the Devil hard at work on the revision committees of the new translations. The King James reading will appear first, followed by a brief comment, and then the perverted readings of the modern perversions.

Psalm 12:6-7

*The words of the LORD are pure **words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **Thou shalt keep them**, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

The above promise from the King James Bible tells us that God intends to preserve His **WORDS** forever. Notice how the new versions destroy this promise by making you think the context is God's PEOPLE rather than His WORDS:

NIV..... you will keep us safe

NASB... Thou wilt preserve him

NRSV... You, O Lord, will protect us

REB..... you are our protector

LB..... you will forever preserve your own

NAB..... You, O Lord, will keep us

Isaiah 7:14

*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin** shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Notice how some new versions attack the Virgin Birth of Christ by robbing Mary of her virginity. As anyone well knows, a *young woman* or a *maiden* is NOT necessarily a virgin:

NRSV... young woman

REB..... young woman

NWT..... maiden

Luke 2:33

*And **Joseph** and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.*

Here the new versions attack the Virgin Birth by telling us that Joseph was Christ's father:

NIV..... The child's father

NASB... His father

NRSV... the child's father

REB..... The child's father

NWT..... its father

NAB..... the child's father

I Timothy 3:16

*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

Notice how the King James is very clear in telling us WHO was manifest in the flesh: **GOD was manifest in the flesh**. Now watch the new perversions throw God clear out of the verse:

NIV..... He appeared in a body

NASB... He who was revealed in the flesh

NRSV... He was revealed in flesh

REB..... He was manifested in the flesh

LB..... who came to earth as a man

NWT..... He was made manifest in the flesh

NAB..... He was manifested in the flesh

Micah 5:2

*But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, **from everlasting**.*

This is a prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the verse tells us that He had no beginning. As the Second Member of the Trinity, He is ETERNAL, or from everlasting, but not in most modern translations:

NIV..... from ancient times

NRSV... from ancient days

REB..... in ancient times

NWT.... from the days of time indefinite

NAB..... from ancient times (vs. 1)

Isaiah 14:12

*Howart thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! howart thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

Revelation 22:16 tells us that Jesus Christ is the "*Morning Star*". The King James Bible never gives this title to anyone else. However, in some new versions, Jesus Christ and Satan are the same, because some versions have taken the liberty to call Satan the "*morning star*" in Isaiah 14:12. Although some versions do not go so far as to call Satan the "morning star," they still throw out the name "Lucifer".

NIV..... morning star

NASB... star of the morning

NRSV... Day Star

REB..... Bright morning star

NWT..... you shining one

NAB..... morning star

Daniel 3:25

*He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like **the Son of God**.*

This is an excellent Old Testament verse which shows that Jesus Christ existed long before He was born in Bethlehem. Naturally, the new versions will pervert it with pagan foolishness:

NIV..... a son of the gods

NASB... a son of the gods

NRSV... a god

REB..... a god

LB..... a god

NWT.... a son of the gods

NAB..... a son of God (vs. 92)

Colossians 1:14

*In whom we have **redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**:*

Satan hates the Atoning Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, so we shouldn't be surprised to find the blood missing in modern translations:

NIV..... redemption, the forgiveness of sins

NASB... redemption, the forgiveness of sins

NRSV... redemption, the forgiveness of sins

REB..... our release is secured and our sins are forgiven

NWT.... we have our release by ransom, the forgiveness of sins

NAB..... redemption, the forgiveness of our sins

Romans 14:10-12

*But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the **judgment seat of Christ**. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

If you'll read the above verses carefully, you will notice how it magnifies Jesus Christ. According to verse 10, we will stand before the Judgment Seat of **CHRIST**, and verse 12 says that when we do we will give account to GOD. When we stand before Jesus Christ we will be standing before God—an excellent text on the Deity of Christ. Now watch as the new versions throw Jesus Christ clear out of the passage by replacing the word "Christ" in verse 10 with "God:"

NIV..... God's judgment seat

NASB... Judgment seat of God

NRSV... judgment seat of God

REB..... God's tribunal

LB..... Judgment Seat of God

NWT..... judgment seat of God

NAB..... judgment seat of God

Acts 8:37

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

This verse is very important because it places a definite condition upon water baptism: *one must first BELIEVE ON CHRIST*. Many modern versions throw the entire verse out of the Bible:

NIV..... entire verse missing

NRSV... entire verse missing

REB..... entire verse missing

NWT..... entire verse missing

NAB..... omits entire verse, but re-numbers the verses so you won't miss it

II Corinthians 2:17

*For we are not as many, which **corrupt** the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*

You can imagine how this verse must be a thorn in the flesh to the modern translators who are busy CORRUPTING the word of God day and night. So, do they repent of their sins and get right with God? Of course not:

NIV..... peddle

NASB... peddling

NRSV... peddlers

REB..... adulterating the word of God for profit

LB..... hucksters

NWT..... peddlers

NAB..... trade on the word of God

NKJV.... peddling

II Timothy 2:15

***Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth.*

This is the one command in the New Testament to "*study*" and "*rightly divide*" God's word, and the Devil does NOT appreciate it:

NIV..... Do your best...correctly handles

NASB... Be diligent...handling accurately

NRSV... Do your best...rightly explaining

REB..... Try hard...keep strictly to the true gospel

LB..... Work hard...Know what his word says and means

NWT..... Do your utmost...handling the word of truth aright

NAB..... Try hard...following a straight course inpreaching the truth

NKJV.... Be diligent...rightly dividing

I Timothy 6:20

*O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of **science** falsely so called:*

Many lies are being propagated today in the name of "science" (evolution for example), but I Timothy 6:20 has been warning us about it all along - *except in the newperversions*:

NIV..... knowledge

NASB... knowledge

NRSV... knowledge

REB..... knowledge

LB..... knowledge

NWT..... knowledge

NAB..... knowledge

NKJV.... knowledge

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The New King James Version

We will now give some special attention to one of the deadliest translations on the market--the *NewKing James Version*, first published in 1979. It is a deadly version because it's editors have succeeded in deceiving the body of Christ on two main points: (1) That it's a King James Bible (which is a lie), and (2) that it's based on the Textus Receptus (which is only a partial truth). The following information should be helpful when dealing with Christians who have been swindled by the Laodicean lovers of filthy lucre:

1. The text of the NKJV is copyrighted by Thomas Nelson Publishers, while there is no copyright today on the text of the KJV. If your KJV has maps or notes, then it may have a copyright, but the text itself does not.
2. There's nothing "new" about the NKJV logo. It is a "666" symbol of the *pagan* trinity which was used in the ancient Egyptian mysteries. It was also used by satanist Aleister Crowley around the turn of this century. The symbol can be seen on the New King James Bible, on certain rock albums (like Led Zeppelin's), or you can see it on the cover of such New Age books as *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. (See Riplinger's tract on the NKJV.)
3. It is estimated that the NKJV makes over 100,000 translation changes, which comes to *over eighty changes per page and about three changes per verse!* A great number of these changes bring the NKJV in line with the readings of such Alexandrian perversions as the NIV and the RSV. Where changes are not made in the text, subtle footnotes often give credence to the Westcott and Hort Greek Text.
4. While passing off as being true to the Textus Receptus, the NKJV IGNORES the Receptus over 1,200 times.
5. In the NKJV, there are 22 omissions of "hell", 23 omissions of "blood", 44 omissions of "repent", 50 omissions of "heaven", 51 omissions of "God", and 66 omissions of "Lord". The terms "devils", "damnation", "JEHOVAH", and "new testament" are completely omitted.
6. The NKJV demotes the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 1:3, the KJV says that all things were made "by" Jesus Christ, but in the NKJV, all things were just made "through" Him. The word "Servant" replaces "Son" in Acts 3:13 and 3:26. "Servant" replaces "child" in Acts 4:27 and 4:30. The word "Jesus" is omitted from Mark 2:15, Hebrews 4:8, and Acts 7:45.
7. The NKJV confuses people about salvation. In Hebrews 10:14 it replaces "are sanctified" with "are being sanctified", and it replaces "are saved" with "are being saved" in I Corinthians 1:18 and II Corinthians 2:15. The words "may believe" have been replaced with "may continue to believe" in I John 5:13. The old straight and "narrow" way of Matthew 7:14 has become the "difficult" way in the NKJV.
8. In II Corinthians 10:5 the KJV reads "casting down imaginations", but the NKJV reads "casting down arguments". The word "thought", which occurs later in the verse, matches "imaginations", not "arguments". This change weakens the verse.
9. The KJV tells us to reject a "heretick" after the second admonition in Titus 3:10. The NKJV tells us to reject a "divisive man". *How nice! Now the Alexandrians and Ecumenicals have justification for rejecting anyone they wish to label as "divisive men".*
10. According to the NKJV, no one would stoop so low as to "corrupt" God's word. No, they just "peddle" it (II Cor. 2:17). The reading matches the Alexandrian versions.
11. Since the NKJV has "changed the truth of God into a lie", it has also changed Romans 1:25 to read "exchanged the truth of God for the lie". This reading matches the readings of the new perversions, so *how say ye it's a King James Bible?*
12. The NKJV gives us no command to "study" God's word in II Timothy 2:15.
13. The word "science" is replaced with "knowledge" in I Timothy 6:20, although "science" has occurred in every edition of the KJV since 1611! *How say ye it's a King James Bible?*
14. The Jews "require" a sign, according to I Corinthians 1:22 (and according to Jesus Christ - John 4:48), but the NKJV says they only "request" a sign. *They didn't "request" one when signs first appeared in Exodus 4*, and there are numerous places throughout the Bible where God gives Israel signs when they haven't requested anything (Exo. 4, Exo. 31:13, Num. 26:10, I Sam. 2:34, Isa. 7:10-14, Luke 2:12, etc). They "require" a sign, because signs are a part of their national heritage.
15. The King James reading in II Corinthians 5:17 says that if any man is in Christ he is a new "creature", which matches the words of Christ in Mark 16:15. The cross reference is destroyed in the NKJV, which uses the word "creation."
16. As a final note, we'd like to point out how the NKJV is very inconsistent in it's attempt to update the language of the KJV. The preface to the NKJV states that previous "revisions" of the KJV have "sought to keep abreast of changes in English speech", and also that they too are taking a "further step toward this

objective". However, when taking a closer look at the language of the NKJV, we find that oftentimes they are stepping BACKWARDS! Please note a few examples of how well the NKJV has "kept abreast of the changes in the English language":

SCRIPTURE	KJV	NKJV
Ezra 31:4	little rivers	rivulets
Psalms 43:1	Judge	Vindicate
Psalms 139:43	thoughts	anxieties
Isaiah 28:1	fat	verdant
Amos 5:21	smell	savor
Matthew 26:7	box	flask
Luke 8:31	the deep	the abyss
John 10:41	did	performed
Luke 19:11-27	pounds	minas
John 19:9	judgement hall	Praetorium
Acts 1:8	bowels	entrails
Acts 18:12	deputy	proconsul
Acts 21:38	uproar	insurrection
Acts 27:30	boat	skiff
Hebrews 12:8	bastard	illegitimate

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The New Scofield Reference Bible

Another counterfeit "KJV" is the New Scofield Reference Bible (NSRB). "King James Version" is clearly printed on the cover, but since when has it been safe to judge a book by it's cover? Please note the following:

1. Dr. C.I. Scofield had been dead many years when the NSRB was published in 1967. He would have never approved of having his name on a "bible" that alters the text of the KJV. The 1909 and 1917 editions of the Scofield Reference Bible do NOT change the text. Therefore the NSRB of 1967 is NOT a Scofield Bible and it is NOT a KJV.
2. Dr. Scofield would have never referred to baptism as a "sacrament," but the NSRB takes the liberty to do so in an Acts 8 footnote.
3. The NSRB changes the KJV with "better readings" in over 6,500 places.
4. In the introduction to the NSRB, 1967 edition, E. Schuyler English tries to justify changing the KJV *text* on the basis that Dr. Scofield saw the need to update his reference Bible after only eight years. Yes, Dr. Scofield did update his Bible after only eight years, but **HE NEVER CHANGED THE TEXT!**, and he never granted anyone else permission to do so. Only the NOTES were revised! (The Judgment Seat of Christ is going to be *very interesting* to say the least!)
5. In many places the NSRB agrees with the readings of the new translations, rather than the KJV, so it cannot possibly be a KJV. For example, "a son of the gods" appears in Daniel 3:25, rather than "the Son of God" (KJV). In Genesis 1:28, Adam is told to "fill" the earth, instead of "replenish" it, which isn't the same at all. A great reference to television and magazines is destroyed when the NSRB replaces "pictures" with "stone idols" in Numbers 33:52. Then, of course, the NSRB lines up right behind the ASV in places like I Timothy 6:20, Acts 4:27, and Romans 1:25.
6. Dr. William Grady addresses the NSRB in his book, *Final Authority*. His research includes the following on page 316: "*A random survey of the NSRB margins in Philippians alone revealed a total of 29 changes from the King James Bible. Of these, twenty-one (72%) were traced to either the RSV or the NASV. The skeptic can ckeck it out for himself: Philippians 1:7, 8, 23, 27; 2:1, 15, 25, 27, 28; 3:1, 8, 17, 19, 20, 21; 4:3, 6, 14, 15, 21, and 22.*" The "New Scofield Reference Bible" in the "King James Version" is NOT *new*, is NOT a *Scofield* Bible, and it is certainly NOT a *King James Version*.

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The Various Editions of the 1611 A.V.

If someone decides to produce a "new Bible version", then they must also convince Christians that there is a NEED and a justifiable CAUSE for the new version. One of the deceitful excuses being used today for producing new versions is that *the King James Bible has been revised several times since 1611, and that a new revision is needed once again*. While spreading this piece of deceitful misinformation, the KJV critics hold their breath, hoping that no one will be intelligent enough to ask for specific details about these "revisions". The many revisions that have occurred since 1881 bear NO RESEMBLANCE to the various EDITIONS of the KJV prior to 1881. The modern revisors are just trying to justify their sins!

There were only FOUR actual EDITIONS of the King James Bible produced after 1611: 1629, 1638, 1762, and 1769. These were not translations (like the new versions SINCE 1881), and they really weren't even "revisions".

The 1629 edition was simply an effort to correct *printing errors*, and two of the original King James translators assisted in the work.

The 1638 edition of the KJV also dealt with printing errors, especially words and clauses overlooked by the printers. About 72% of the textual corrections in the KJV were done by 1638, only 27 years after the first printing.

Please bear in mind the fact that printing was a very laborious task prior to 1800. Publishing a flawless work was almost impossible. Even today, with computers and advanced word processors, printing errors are still frequently made. Imagine what it was like in the 1600's!

Then, in 1762 and 1769, two final editions of the KJV were published. Both of these involved *spelling changes*, which became necessary as the English language became more stabilized and spelling rules were established.

There were no new *translations*, and there were really no new *revisions* published in 1629, 1638, 1762, or 1769. These were simply EDITIONS of the 1611 KJV, which corrected printing errors and spelling. Those who try to equate these editions with the modern translations are just being deceitful or stupid--*or both*. The many other so-called "revisions" of the KJV that occurred in 1613, 1616, 1617, and 1743 are nothing more than running changes and touch-up work at the printers. The REAL revisions and translations do not start appearing until 1881 (RV) and 1901 (ASV). So if some punk walks up with a smirky grin on his face and asks you, "So which King James Bible do you have, the 1611, the 1629, the 1638, the 1762, or the 1769?", you can simply state that you have a *1769 edition of the King James 1611 Authorized Version*.

[Dr. David F. Reagan has an excellent pamphlet available on this subject.](#) It can be ordered from: *Trinity Baptist Temple Bookstore, 5709 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN, 37918. Telephone: 615-688-0780.*

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Why the KJV Translators Did Not Accept the Apocrypha as Scripture

Another favorite lie of the critics is that the original KJV of 1611 included the Apocrypha, which no true Christian today accepts as Scripture. The Apocrypha is a collection of several pagan writings which the Catholic church accepts as inspired Scripture. In fact, the Council of Trent (1546) pronounced a CURSE upon anyone who denied that these books were inspired. The King James translators did NOT consider the books to be inspired Scripture, nor did they include them in the canon as such. They merely placed the Apocryphal books BETWEEN the Old and New testament as a historical document, not as Scripture. Their reasons for not accepting the Apocrypha as Scripture are listed on page 185-186 of the book *Translators Revived*, by Alexander McClure. The seven reasons are basically as follows:

1. Not one of them is in the Hebrew language like the rest of the Old Testament books.
2. Not one of the writers lays any claim to inspiration.
3. These books were never acknowledged as sacred Scriptures by the Jewish church, and therefore were never sanctioned by our Lord.
4. They were not allowed a place among the sacred books, during the first four centuries of the Christian church.
5. They contain fabulous statements, and statements which contradict not only the canonical Scriptures, but themselves. For example, in the Books of Maccabees alone, Antiochus Epiphanes dies three times in three places!
6. It inculcates doctrines at variance with the Bible, such as prayers for the dead and sinless perfection.
7. It teaches immoral practices, such as lying, suicide, assassination and magical incantation.

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"Errors" in the King James Bible

Critics of the KJV have a nasty habit of pointing out what they believe to be errors, contradictions, and mistranslations in the Authorized Version. The sad fact is that they usually point these things out to young men and women in Christian colleges who do not know any better. Many young Christians, including young preachers, are having their faith in God's word destroyed by the very people they look to for spiritual guidance!

These so-called "errors" that are presented by such infidels have been explained and written about so many times that it's a shame to even have to mention it again. There isn't enough space in a booklet of this size to embark upon a lengthy rebuttle of such claims. Besides, it has already been done quite well by others. Nevertheless, for the sake of showing the reader the nature of the so-called "errors" in the AV, we will take the time to briefly deal with just a few:

1. According to the critics, the word "Easter" in Acts 12:4 is a mistranslation, because the Greek word is "pascha," and it is translated "passover" twenty-eight times in the New Testament, and it should be translated likewise in Acts 12:4.

This is what happens when a man is so hung up on "the Greek" that he can't read plain English. It should NOT be translated "passover" because the Passover had already passed. The *"days of unleavened bread"* had already begun (vs. 3), which means the Passover was over (Num. 28:16-18; Exo. 12:13-18). The Passover was always the fourteenth day of the first month, while the days of unleavened bread ran from the fifteenth through the twenty-first. Herod could not have been waiting for the Passover. Besides, why would a Gentile king like Herod be concerned about a Jewish feast day? "Easter" is from the pagan "Ishtar", the goddess that the pagans worshipped--Rome included. Herod wanted to wait until his pagan holiday was over before bringing Peter out to the people.

2. I John 5:7 is also the subject of much debate. It is argued that the verse lacks manuscript evidence and does not belong in the Bible. Being one of the greatest verses in the Bible on the Trinity, we should be suspicious of any oppositions to it.

The verse should NOT be omitted from the Bible. It is found in Greek manuscript 61, which probably forced Erasmus to include it in his third edition Greek text of 1522.

I John 5:7 is also found in Codex Ravianus, and in the margins of 88 and 629. It is also found in Old Latin manuscripts *r* and *Speculum*. It was quoted by Cyprian around A.D. 250, and two Spanish Bishops quoted it in the fourth century (Priscillian and Idacius Clarus). Several African writers quote it in the fifth century, and Cassiodorus quotes it in the sixth century in Italy.

The fact that Siniaticus and Vaticanus do not include the verse means nothing *to a true Bible believer*. After all, *Vaticanus omits the entire book of Revelation, while keeping the Apocrypha!*

3. Many argue that the KJV is in error with it's use of the word "devils" instead of "demons". Again, this is due to an over emphasis on "the Greek" as well as a lack of faith in God's ability to preserve His words in English. While protesting that "daimon" should be translated "demon", many have overlooked a great truth which the Holy Spirit has preserved in the King's English. There is one true "Son of God", but many "sons of God". There is one true "Church", the Bride of Christ, but many local "churches". Likewise, there is one "Devil", but many "devils" under his control.

The word "demon" itself does not necessarily imply an *evil* spirit. Even Webster's 1828 dictionary states that "the ancients believed that there were good and evil demons...", and New Agers of today believe likewise. Therefore, God led the KJV translators to translate "devils" instead of "demons" because every "daimon" in the Bible IS an evil spirit. The word "devil" makes that clear. Every "devil" in the Bible is under the authority of their father "the Devil".

4. Then we have "contradictions" like Exodus 24:10 and John 1:18. Exodus says the Israelites SAW God, while Jesus said in John that "no man hath seen God at any time". Contradiction, right? No, it's only a matter of rightly dividing the word of truth (which you may not be practicing if II Tim. 2:15 has been altered in your "bible"). God is a Trinity, just like you and I. We're a body, a soul, and a spirit (I Ths. 5:23). The Israelites saw a physical *manifestation* of God, but not the SOUL of God, just as no one has ever seen your soul.

5. Numbers 25:9 says that 24,000 people died in a plague, but I Corinthians 10:8 says that only 23,000 died. Read I Corinthians 10:8 again and notice that 23,000 fell "in one day". The 24,000 died altogether in a few days.

You see, these are the kind of "errors" in the King James Bible. These are the reasons given for you to throw away your Bible and buy a new one. Don't fall for it. I have learned to always give God the benefit of a doubt, and to count the critics guilty until proven innocent. So far I've been right. Anytime I see an "error" in the KJV I just assume that I'm not learned enough in the Scriptures to explain it, but that it is NOT an error. I just pray about it and trust God. I *NEVER* correct the Book that God has honored for so long. *Thank God, I'm not that stupid.*

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Fifty Stumbling Stones of the Laodicean Translations

In this final section, I'd like to point out one of the best things about the new versions. What might that be? It is the fact that we know where they're going to alter God's word before they do it! We know how to "check'em out" without having to waste our God-given time reading the whole translation. The following list includes fifty "check points" which anyone can use to expose a new translation. No translation will be guilty on all fifty counts, but any translation since 1881 will alter God's word enough to prove that the revisionists do not have God's best interest in heart. For emphasis, I'll present these items from Satan's standpoint, briefly illustrating his purpose for many of the changes:

1. Genesis 1:29. Omit the word "meat" since there is no real flesh in the verse, only plant life. This will destroy the cross reference to the "meat offering" of Leviticus 2, which is really a GRAIN offering with no flesh. The Bible has it's own built in dictionary, but let's not allow people to know it.
2. Genesis 3:5. Alter the word "gods" and the cross references to Psalm 82, I Corinthians 8:5, and II Corinthians 4:4 will be destroyed.
3. Genesis 22:1. The word "tempt" in the verse should be replaced with "try". Here's another case of the "built-in dictionary". James 1:2-3 explains the kind of tempting that this was, but let's hide it from as many Christians as possible.
4. Numbers 33:52. Someone might use the word "pictures" as a reference to television. Throw it out!
5. Isaiah 7:14. Attack the virgin birth by omitting the word "virgin". After all, the Hebrew word "almah" can mean a *virgin*, a *damsel*, or just a *young woman*. Laodicean Christians are too lazy to check Matthew 1:23 to see how Matthew translated it.
6. Daniel 3:25. There's Jesus Christ in the Old Testament! Can't have that! *Someone might get the idea that He's eternal*. Change "the Son of God" to "a son of the gods."
7. Micah 5:2. Another chance to attack the eternal existence of Christ. Throw out "everlasting".
8. Zechariah 9:9. We're not interested in anyone being SAVED, so omit the words "having salvation".
9. Matthew 1:25. Omit "firstborn" because it shows the reader that Mary had other children after Jesus and did NOT remain a perpetual virgin. They'll never think to check Psalm 69:8, Galatians 1:19, or John 7:5.
10. Matthew 5:22. Let's create a contradiction by omitting the words "without a cause". This will make Jesus contradict Paul in Ephesians 4:26.
11. Matthew 6:13. Omit the "kingdom", the "power", and the "glory".
12. Matthew 27:54. Change "the Son of God" to "a son of God".
13. Mark 1:1. This is the only Gospel which refers to Christ as the "Son of God" in the very first verse. Throw it out.
14. Mark 16:9-20. Either throw out the last twelve verses of Mark or raise doubt about them in the margins and footnotes. The less we read of a resurrected Christ the better.
15. Luke 1:34. Change Mary's words "I know not a man" to "I have no husband". This will allow for possible fornication between Mary and Joseph, which could make Joseph the father of Jesus.
16. Luke 2:33. Attack the virgin birth again by replacing "Joseph" with "father".
17. Luke 4:4. Omit "by every word of God". No one will think to check Deuteronomy 8:3.
18. Luke 23:42. Here's a sinner being saved by calling upon the name of the "Lord", which is in perfect tune with Romans 10:13. Replace the divine title "Lord" with the human name "Jesus".
19. Luke 24:51. Raise doubt about the ascension of Christ by omitting the words "carried up into heaven". Hopefully, no one will check Luke's later comments in Acts 1:1-2.
20. John 1:14. Omit the word "begotten", just like in John 1:18, 3:16, and 3:18.
21. Acts 1:3. Omit the word "infallible". Nothing is infallible.
22. Acts 4:27. Jesus wasn't God's "child". He was only His "servant".
23. Acts 8:37. Either omit the entire verse or raise doubt about it, because this verse states that scriptural water baptism is conditional upon BELIEF.
24. Acts 12:4. Change "Easter" to "passover". No one will ever read Exodus and Numbers to find the truth.
25. Acts 17:22. Change "superstitious" to "religious".
26. Romans 1:18. Let's change "hold the truth in unrighteousness" to "suppress the truth", which is a much weaker reading.
27. Romans 1:25. Let's say they "exchanged the truth of God for a lie" instead of "changed the truth of God into a lie".
28. Romans 1:29. Throw out "fornication".
29. Romans 10:17. Replace the word "God" with "Christ". This will teach that faith comes by rallying around the person of Jesus alone and not by feeding on every

word of God (Luke 4:4).

30. Romans 14:10. Change the word "Christ" to "God". This will prevent anyone from realizing that Jesus Christ is God when they read verse twelve.

31. I Corinthians 1:22. Change "require" to "request", and destroy the great truth about signs being for Israel.

32. II Corinthians 2:17. Since we are guilty of corrupting the word of God, replace the word "corrupt" with "peddle".

33. II Corinthians 5:17. Replace the word "creature" with "creation", although Mark 16:15 says "creature".

34. Ephesians 1:7. Throw out the "blood".

35. Philippians 3:21. People don't have "vile" bodies. They just have "lowly" bodies.

36. Colossians 1:14. Throw out the "blood".

37. I Thessalonians 5:22. Omit the word "appearance" so Christians will not be very concerned about their testimony.

38. I Timothy 3:16. The verse says that "God was manifest in the flesh". Attack the Deity of Christ and the Incarnation by throwing "God" clear out of the verse.

39. I Timothy 6:10. Change "all evil" to "all kinds of evil". 40. I Timothy 6:20. Since many heresies are taught today in the name of "science", and this verse gives a strong warning against "science falsely so-called", change the word "science" to "knowledge".

41. II Timothy 2:15. This is the only command in the Bible to "study" the word of God. Omit the word "study".

42. James 5:16. Let's justify Roman Catholic confessionals by changing the word "faults" to "sins".

43. I Peter 5:11. Omit "glory" and "dominion".

44. I John 1:7. Omit the word "Christ".

45. I John 4:3. Omit the words "Christ is come in the flesh".

46. I John 5:7. There's the Trinity! Throw out the whole verse or insert marginal notes to raise doubt about it.

47. Revelation 1:5. Omit the word "blood".

48. Revelation 5:9. Omit the word "blood".

49. Revelation 11:15. Change the many "kingdoms" that Jesus Christ will receive to one singular "kingdom".

50. Revelation 11:17. Attack the Second Coming of Christ by omitting the words "art to come".

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Recommended Reading

Which Bible?, David Otis Fuller, Which Bible? Society, P.O. Box 7096, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507.

An Understandable History of the Bible, Dr. Samuel C. Gipp, Bible Believer's Baptist Bookstore, 1252 E. Aurora Road, Macedonia, Ohio 44056.

The Answer Book, Gipp.

Final Authority, Dr. William P. Grady, Grady Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 506, Schererville, Indiana 46375.

The King James Version Defended, Dr. Edward F. Hills, The Christian Research Press, P.O. Box 2013, Des Moines, Iowa 50310.

Believing Bible Study, Hills.

Translators Revived, Alexander McClure, R. E. Publications, P.O. Box 66212, Mobile, Alabama 36606.

The Men Behind The King James Version, Gustavus Paine, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49516.

God Only Wrote One Bible, Jasper James Ray, Eye Opener Publishers, P.O. Box 7944, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

NewAge Bible Versions, G. A. Riplinger, A.V. Publications, Box 388, Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262.

Which Bible Is God's Word?, Riplinger.

The Christian's Handbook of Manuscript Evidence, Dr. Peter S. Ruckman, Pensacola Bible Institute, P.O. Box 7135, Pensacola, FL 32504.

The Christian's Handbook of Biblical Scholarship, Ruckman.

Problem Texts, Ruckman.

The Bible Babel, Ruckman.

The following tracts and booklets are also available from Bible Baptist Church:

[The Bible Believer's Helpful Little Handbook](#)

Why Does God Allow People to Suffer?

Child Abuse: Something Every Parent Should Know

[How I Know the KJV is God's Word](#)

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How I Know The King James Bible is the Word of God

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There are many good works that one can read on the authority of the King James Bible, and this particular effort offers nothing really new. However, it does attempt to explain the issue in a simple and brief manner for all to understand. Over the years I have learned a great deal about this issue, and I believe that a truth worth learning is a truth worth telling.

Many preachers and teachers across our land talk about "preferring" and "using" the KJV, but I haven't heard them speak much about BELIEVING it. Many prefer it and use it, because that's what their congregations prefer and use, but they do not BELIEVE it to be the infallible words of God. They are taught in college to USE, PREFER, and RECOMMEND the KJV, but they are NOT taught to BELIEVE it. Most "Christian colleges" teach that the King James Bible is only a translation, and that NO translation is infallible. Consequently, the average minister today uses a Book which he doesn't even believe.

Now, I thank God that I don't have that problem. I don't have to play make-believe with anyone about the word of God. I believe it. I believe the King James Bible is the preserved and infallible words of God. It doesn't merely "contain" the word of God: it IS the word of God. I'm absolutely sure of it, and I'd like to give a few reasons why. Here are twelve reasons how I know that the KJV is the word of God:

God Promised to Preserve His Words

Psalms 12:6-7 says, *"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."* Then we read in Psalm 100:5 that *"... his truth endureth to all generations,"* and Jesus said in John 17:17 that God's WORD is truth.

These words state very clearly that God's preserved word **MUST** be available to us today, because **God PROMISED to preserve it for us**. There **MUST** be an infallible Book somewhere.

You say, "But ALL translations are God's word, not just one." **That's impossible, because the various translations contain different readings, and God is not the author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33)**. Besides, if all of the versions are the word of God, then where are the "corrupt" and "perverted" versions that we are warned about in II Corinthians 2:17 and Jeremiah 23:36? If everyone is innocent, then where are those who are said to be GUILTY of subtracting from and adding to the word of God (Rev. 22:18-19)? God wouldn't have warned us about Bible perversion if it wasn't going to be a reality. **According to the scriptures, there must be a single Book that is the word of God, and there must be MANY which are involved in CORRUPTING the word of God.**

Now, if the Authorized Version isn't the infallible word of God, then **WHAT IS?** There has to be a Book somewhere in "all generations" which is God's word; so what book is it? Those who "use" the new versions believe that these are good and reliable translations, but they do NOT believe these to be INFALLIBLE translations. However, I know MANY people who believe the King James Bible to be an infallible Book. Why? Because they know that the One True God has ONE TRUE BOOK. He promised to preserve His words, and we believe that He has done just that. Jesus said, *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"* (Matthew 24:35). **If His words didn't pass away, then where are they?** I want to read them. There has to be a perfect volume somewhere. I know the King James Bible is the word of God because God promised to preserve His words.

The Authorized Version Was Translated Under A God-Ordained English King

The main subject of the Bible is the kingdom which God intends to give to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will be crowned *"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS,"* according to Revelation 19:16. Ecclesiastes 8:4 says, *"Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?"* Unlike the modern versions, the KJV was translated under a king. In fact, the king's name was "James," which is the English word for "Jacob," whom God renamed "Israel," because he had power with God and with men (Gen. 32:28).

The new versions have been translated in America, which is not a monarchy. God's form of government is a theocratic monarchy, not a democracy. Therefore, it makes perfect sense that His word would be translated for the English speaking people under a monarchy with an English king. I know the King James Bible is the word of God because it was translated under a king.

Because It Has No Copyright

The original crown copyright of 1611 does not forbid anyone today from reprinting the Authorized Version. It was only copyrighted then for the purpose of allowing the printer to finance the publication. For nearly four hundred years now we have been printing millions of copies of KJV's without requesting permission from anyone. Over eight-hundred million copies of the Authorized Version have been printed without anyone paying royalties. This cannot be said of any of the new translations.

The new "bibles" are the work of MEN, but the KJV is a divine work of the Holy Spirit. **The term "Authorized" has traditionally been applied to the King James Version alone**, for this is the one Book which the Holy Spirit has blessed and used for so long. The fact that it bears no copyright allows printing ministries throughout the world to print millions of copies each year for the mission field. I know the King James Bible is the word of God because it has no copyright.

Because God Always Translates Perfectly

The words **"translate"** and **"translated"** occur three times in the Bible, and GOD is the Translator each time. The scholars insist that the KJV cannot be infallible, because it is **"only a translation."** Do you suppose that such scholars have checked II Samuel 3:10, Colossians 1:13, and Hebrews 11:5 to see what GOD has to say about translating?

In II Samuel 3:10 we are told that it was God Who translated Saul's kingdom to David. We are told in Colossians 1:13 that Christians have been translated into the kingdom of Jesus Christ, and Hebrews 11:5 tells us that God translated Enoch that he should not see death. God was the One doing the translating each time. What's the point? The point is that a translation CAN be perfect, if God is involved in the translating.

When the New Testament writers would quote the Old Testament (Mt. 1:23; Mk. 1:2; Lk. 4:4; Jn. 15:25; Acts 1:20; 7:42; I Cor. 2:9; Gal. 3:13, etc.), they had to TRANSLATE from Hebrew to Greek, because the Old Testament was written in Hebrew, but THEY wrote in Greek. **So, if a translation cannot be infallible, then EVEN THE NEW TESTAMENT IN THE "ORIGINAL GREEK" ISN'T INFALLIBLE, because it contains translations from the Hebrew text!**

Obviously God assisted them in their translating by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and He assisted the King James translators as well. The scholars will never understand this, for most of them have QUENCHED the Holy Spirit in their own lives by looking to higher education for truth, rather than seeking the Lord's leadership (Jn. 16:13).

The Holy Spirit Who inspired the word of God through "holy men of God" (II Pet. 1:21) is quite capable of guiding His servants to KEEP the words which Jesus told us to keep (Jn. 14:23). **In essence, the KJV translators were merely INSTRUMENTS which God used in translating and preserving His word.** In fact, they said this themselves in the Dedication to the Authorized Version: "... *because we are poor instruments to make God's holy truth to be yet more and more known to the people.* . . ."

I know the King James Bible is the word of God, because God is very capable of using anyone He pleases as His very own instruments of righteousness in order to preserve His word.

Because It Produces Good Fruit

The Lord Jesus said that every good tree will bring forth good fruit, and we can know them BY their fruits (Mt. 7:17-20).

God had the KJV translated for the purpose of bringing forth fruit, and it has been very obedient to the call. The greatest preachers of the past four centuries have been King James Bible believers. Billy Sunday is said to have led over one million people to Christ, and he was a KJV believer. Spurgeon, Moody, Whitfield, and Wesley were all KJV men, and the list goes on. God has richly blessed the ministries of such men as these because they stayed busy OBEYING His word rather than questioning its authority.

The KJV produces good fruit. I was led to Christ with a King James Bible. Nearly every Christian I know was led to Christ with a KJV. Why? Because it produces good fruit.

The new translations produce EVIL fruit. The modern perversions of scripture are producing infidels who do not even know what the word of God is, much less where to find it. The new translations produce spiritual babies who are totally incapable of discussing Bible doctrine. The new versions produce NEWER versions, which produce MONEY for the publishers, and I Timothy 6:10 tells us that the love of MONEY is the root of all EVIL.

The Holy Spirit doesn't bear witness to the modern translations, but He DOES bear witness to the King James. I've always believed the KJV to be God's word, even before I was saved. No one ever told me to believe this, but the Holy Spirit just bore witness to the King James—not the others. After being saved, I spent several years of my Christian life not being aware of the big debate going on these days between King James Bible believers and New Age Version believers. The whole time I believed only ONE BOOK to be God's word, and even then I was suspicious of the new versions, although no one had told me to be. When I discovered that over eighty percent of the "Christian" schools in our nation do not believe the KJV to be the word of God, I was shocked.

How is it that one comes to believe the KJV naturally, but must be EDUCATED OUT of his belief in it? Why is it that King James believers are accused of following men when GOD is the One Who led them to believe it? Why do opponents of the KJV accuse us of following men, when THEY are the ones who allowed MEN to talk them out of believing the KJV?

The KJV produces good fruit, because the Holy Spirit bears witness to it like no other book in the world. It's easier to memorize than any new version, and the beautiful old English language gives the reader the impression that he is reading a Book very different and far superior to the rest. It reads different because it IS different, and it IS different because it has a different Author. We shall know them "by their fruit", and I know the King James Bible is the word of God, because it produces GOOD fruit.

Because the King James Translators Believed They Were Handling the Very Words of God

One can see this truth by reading the Prefatory and Dedication remarks in the Authorized Version. These men didn't believe they were handling "God's message" or "reliable manuscripts." They believed they were handling the very words of God Himself. As I Thessalonians 2:13 says, they "... **received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**"

Like the serpent of Genesis 3:1, modern translators approach the scriptures in skepticism, saying, "*Yea, hath God said?*" This was the first recorded sin in the Bible, and it still runs rapid through the hearts and minds of most scholars and new version promoters.

God has always allowed such people to be DECEIVED because of the IDOLS in their hearts (Ezek. 14:1-9; II Thess. 2:10-12; I Kings 22). A man who lacks faith in God's word is in no condition to translate it. This eliminates every revision committee in the past one hundred years, because these committees have consisted mostly of highly educated men who were heady, high-minded, and proud, thinking that their intelligence qualified them to tamper with the pure words of God.

The KJV translators were not like this. Their scholarship FAR EXCEEDED that of modern translators, yet they remained humble and allowed God to use them in order to produce an infallible masterpiece. They didn't set out to "judge" and "correct" the word of God. Their purpose was to translate God's word for the English speaking people, as they were told to do by their appointed king. I know the King James Bible is the word of God because the KJV translators believed it themselves.

Because the King James Translators Were Honest In Their Work

The critics of the KJV enjoy making a fuss about the words in italics, which were added by the translators, but the argument is entirely unnecessary and unfair.

The italic words in the KJV actually PROVE that the translators were honest in their work. When translating from one language to another, the idioms change, thus making it necessary to add certain words to help the reader grasp the full meaning of the text. When the KJV translators added such words they set them in italics so that we'd know these words were added, UNLIKE we find it in so many new versions today, which do NOT use the italics.

Besides, no one has ever PROVEN that the italic words are not the words of God, because no one has "the originals" to check them with. In fact, we know for sure that the translators were led by the Holy Spirit to add at least some of the italicized words.

One good example of this is found in II Samuel 21:19. When the translators came to this verse in the Hebrew text, they noticed that an exact translation would give Elhanan credit for slaying Goliath, but we know from I Chronicles 20:5 that he actually slew THE BROTHER OF Goliath. So the KJV translators added the words "the brother of" to II Samuel 21:19. If the Lord had not led them to do so, then II Samuel 21:19 would contradict I Chronicles 20:5 (as it DOES in the New World Translation!).

Another fine example is I John 2:23. The last half of the verse was missing at the time, but the KJV translators inserted it anyhow (in italics), feeling that it was necessary. This naturally disturbed many people, but since that time new manuscripts have been found which CONTAIN the last half of I John 2:23. **The translators were RIGHT in adding the italicized words.**

One last example of the Holy Spirit's guiding influence on the KJV translators is found in Psalm 16:8, which says, "*I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*" As you can see, the words "he is" are in italics. **According to many scholars they should be omitted,**

but according to the Apostle Peter they should NOT be omitted. Peter quotes Psalm 16:8 in Acts 2:25, and he USES the italicized words! How did the translators know this if the Lord didn't lead them?

The italics in the King James Bible are the marks of an HONEST translation, for no one added these words to mislead us, or to change the word of God. They added the words to help us, and they set the words in italics so we'd know they were added. That's honesty. I know the KJV is the word of God, because the translators were more honest in their work than any of the modern Bible translators.

Because All New Translations Compare Themselves to the KJV

The new versions do not compare themselves with each other, because they're too busy comparing themselves with one Book--the King James Bible. **This fact alone proves that there is something very special and unique about the KJV.**

Why does everyone line up in opposition AGAINST the King James Bible? Why not attack one another? That's easy: Satan has no desire to divide his own kingdom (Mt. 12:26). His desire is to discredit the word of GOD, not himself; so he attacks only one Book, God's Book, the KJV.

Those who oppose the KJV are unsure of themselves, for they have no Final Authority; so they despise those of us who DO have an Authority. They're unstable, insecure, dishonest, and very inconsistent. **They're all TERRIFIED of One Book, the KJV,** and they'll stop short of nothing in their efforts to rid the Body of Christ of that Book.

I know the KJV is the word of God, because it's the standard which all others use for comparison.

Because of the Time in History in Which It Was Translated

The King James Bible was not translated during the apostate and lukewarm Laodicean church period, like the new translations. The Laodicean period is the last church period before the Second Coming of Christ. It is the last of the seven church periods in Revelation chapters two and three. One can clearly see that we are living in the Laodicean period today by simply comparing modern churches to the church of Revelation 3:14-22. This lukewarm period began toward the end of the 1800's and will continue until Christ returns. The new versions fit well into the lukewarm churches, because they are lukewarm "bibles."

The Authorized Version, however, was translated LONG BEFORE the Laodicean churches appeared. It was translated during the Philadelphia church period, which is the best church period of all. It was this church that the Lord Jesus COMMENDED for KEEPING HIS WORD (Rev. 3:8-10)!

In 1611, when the King James Bible was completed, the scourge of lukewarm Laodicea had not yet swept over the world. There was no "scientific" crowd around in 1611 to put pressure on the translators. There was no civil rights movement going on at this time to influence the work of these men. The women were not screaming for "equal rights," and the humanists and socialists had not yet taken control. The massive army of liberal and modernistic preachers had not yet been assembled. The open public denial of God's word and the Deity of Christ was practically unheard of among ministers. It wasn't until the twentieth century that professing Christianity became flooded with lukewarm preachers who would be willing to compromise the word of God for self gain.

The greatest missionary work in church history occurred between 1700 and 1900, so it makes perfect sense that God would have a Bible ready for this great work, and He did - the KJV. Unfortunately, the new translations appeared a bit LATE on the scene! Think about that. I know the KJV is the word of God because of the time in history in which it was translated.

>Because No One Has Ever Proven That the KJV is Not God's Word

Any honest American should know that innocence is supposed to prevail in our land until guilt is proven. **The KJV should be presumed innocent until proven guilty.** Has anyone proven it guilty? No. **Has any scholar actually PROVEN that there are errors in the King James Bible? No.** Enemies of the KJV delight in IGNORING the facts about the Authorized Version, while never PROVING anything. All apparent "errors" in the KJV can be explained through prayer and a careful study of the scriptures, but the opponents of the KJV aren't interested in looking for TRUTH; they're interested attacking God's word, while never proving anything. I know the KJV is the word of God, because, over nearly four hundred years, no one has proven otherwise.

Because of the Manuscript Evidence

Only a very deceived individual could believe that the new versions are equal to the King James Bible. **Ninety-five percent of all evidence SUPPORTS the text of the King James Authorized Version.** The new versions are supported by the remaining five percent evidence.

The new "bibles" are supported by two very corrupt fourth century manuscripts, known as the "Vaticanus" and the "Siniaticus." These manuscripts are filled with many text alterations to meet the demands of Roman Catholic tradition. They also include the Apocrypha, which the Lord Jesus Christ EXCLUDED from the Old Testament in Luke 24:44. All new versions contain readings from these corrupt manuscripts, and all new versions use their tiny five percent evidence to attack the ninety-five percent majority text of the King James Bible.

The Textus Receptus (received text) from which the King James Bible came can be traced clear back to Antioch, Syria, where the disciples were first called Christians and where Paul and Barnabas taught the word of God for a whole year (Acts 11:26). The other "bibles" do not come from Antioch. They come from Alexandria, Egypt, and from Rome. We don't need an Egyptian version, for Egypt is a type of the WORLD in the Bible. God called His people OUT of Egypt (Exod. 3-14), and God called His Son out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1 with Matt. 2:13-15). Why, the Bible says that *"every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians"* in Gen. 46:34, and the Lord Jesus Christ is called a SHEPHERD in John chapter ten. Alexandria, Egypt, is associated with SUPERSTITION in Acts 28:11, and Aquilla and Pricilla had to set an Egyptian straight on his doctrine in Acts chapter 18. Alexandrians are also found DISPUTING WITH STEPHEN in Acts 6:9. So we don't need a "bible" from Alexandria, Egypt.

Then there's the Roman text, also called the "Western Text." We can also do without a Roman "bible", because it was ROMAN soldiers who nailed our Lord to the cross. The harlot of Revelation 17 is a perfect description of the Roman Catholic Church, which has persecuted Christians for thousands of years. Romans persecuted the Christians in Acts 18:2, and in 70 A.D. the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. Rome is the "dreadful and terrible" beast of Daniel chapter seven, and Christ will destroy the "Revised Roman Empire" at the Second Coming (Dan. 2; 7; and Rev. 13). It has been estimated that Rome is guilty of the blood of some 200 million people who have rejected her corrupt system. A "bible" from Rome is another thing we can live without.

There's only one line of manuscripts that we can trust, and this is the line from Antioch, called the "Syrian" or "Byzantine" type text. The word of God speaks POSITIVELY of Antioch, and NEGATIVELY of Rome and Egypt. We should TAKE THE BEST AND DUMP THE REST! I know the King James Bible is the word of God because of the manuscript evidence.

Because It Exalts the Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: And they are they which testify of me."* John 5:39.

A REAL Bible will testify of the Lord Jesus Christ. The true word of God will always EXALT Jesus Christ, and it will NEVER attack His Deity, His Virgin Birth, His Blood Atonement, His Bodily Resurrection, His Glorious Second Coming, or any other doctrines concerning His Person. However, the new versions attack ALL of the fundamental doctrines concerning the Lord Jesus Christ at one time or another.

By perverting the many important verses of scripture which deal with the fundamental doctrines of Christ, the new "bibles" have a **CONTINUOUS ATTACK** launched against our beloved Savior, and this is NOT an overstatement! His Virgin Birth is under attack in Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:34, and Luke 2:33. His Blood Atonement is under attack in Colossians 1:14, Acts 20:28, Ephesians 1:7, and Revelation 1:5. The Bodily Resurrection is under attack in Acts 1:3, Luke chapter 24, and the last twelve verses of Mark. His Deity is under attack in Acts 10:28, John 9:35, and I Timothy 3:16. The new versions attack the Second Coming in Revelation 11:15, and Titus 2:13, and the list goes on, because the new versions have an extreme bitter HATRED toward the Authorized Version and the way it gives the Lord Jesus Christ the preeminent place.

If the reader doubts this, we challenge you to take whatever version you want and compare the above verses in it to the same verses in the King James Bible. If you still doubt it, after checking the verses, then write us and we will send you a great many more references to check. The new "bibles" have a very consistent record of attacking the Lord Jesus Christ; so they cannot possibly be "the scriptures" that He said would testify of Him in John 5:39. **They testify AGAINST him.**

The King James Bible NEVER attacks our Lord. More than any book in the world, the Authorized Version of the Protestant Reformation EXALTS the Lord Jesus Christ. If we had no other reason for receiving the Authorized Version as the word of God, this reason alone should be enough to convince any true believer, for how could we not become suspicious of the new versions for making such changes? I know the King James Bible is the word of God because it always exalts the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The NIV Bible Apostasy in Print

I do not want to make wonderful pastors and people angry who have accepted this modern version of the Holy Bible. The kingdom of God is the greatest passion of my heart. Wherever there are Godly men and women faithfully serving the Lord Jesus Christ, they are my brothers and sisters. Yes, some of these people are unwittingly involved in believing this is an acceptable version of God's infallible Word. I want this article to be a kind effort to simply discover facts and data that support my contention evident in the title. With a tender heart, let's review some of the things the translators have said as well as some who are strong critics of the New International Version (NIV).

The NIV Translators Themselves

The greatest proof of what is wrong with this version is found in their own defense of the NIV Bible. Kenneth Barker, whom I met on the set of John Ankerberg Television Program, is editor of a book entitled, *The NIV: The Making of a Contemporary Translation*. In a chapter of this book entitled, "When 'Literal' is not Accurate," the writer makes the following statement: "In the Preface to the NIV, the Committee on Bible Translation states that sometimes it was necessary to modify sentence structure and to move away from a word-for-word translation in order to be faithful to the thought of the biblical writers and to produce a truly accurate translation. Since its publication, however, a number of observers have criticized the less literal approach of the NIV and have pointed to "interpretational intrusions" foisted on the text. While it may be that at times the NIV translators have been guilty of reading something into the text, I would contend that overall this version has achieved a high level of accuracy by its philosophy of translation. By occasionally moving away from a literal translation, they have produced a more accurate translation that captures the meaning of the original languages with greater precision." (*The NIV: The Making of a Contemporary Translation*, Kenneth L. Barker (Editor), p. 128.)

Please note several ideas in this exceptional quote.

- "...it was necessary....to move away from a word for word translation."
- "While it may be true that at times the NIV translators have been guilty of reading something into a text."
- "By occasionally moving away from a literal translation, they have produced a more accurate translation..."

My observation suggests several problems with these statements. One, they are admitting that the NIV is a paraphrase and not really a translation. Yet, no one who buys a copy of this text has any warning of it being a paraphrase. If someone is seeking the mind of God in this Bible, they are not getting God's mind at all but rather what someone thought the mind of God to be. It absolutely reduces the NIV to the opinion page rather than the voice of God. That's serious business for someone that wants to know exactly what the Holy Ghost has written to us.

The willing admittance that at times they had been guilty of taking liberties with the text is a serious indictment. Not a court in America would allow testimony on record where such liberties were allowed. Would a juror include such testimony in making a decision on a capital case? Never would an honest judge tolerate such a thought. What would we do with a doctor's report of our physical health that admitted taking liberties with his description of our need for major surgery? Seek a second opinion without a doubt. Yet, these translators have admitted taking liberties with the eternal words of God Himself spoken by the Holy Spirit. A serious fact, my beloved.

Who can decide when moving away from a literal translation is producing a more accurate one? There is no possibility of such action not reflecting the theological bent of the translators. We ministers are constantly using texts of scripture to prove a point in our sermons. Yet, we disagree seriously on what the doctrinal point may be. That's why there are so many different opinions among us. This is the reason that every Christian is told to search the scripture. But translating the Bible is different than preaching sermons. Where would the text of the Bible be today if for 2000 years every translation from language to language and from generation to generation had followed this procedure? That would be insane.

Translation versus interpretation is really where the primary problem has become in this generation. A translator, if true to his intellectual profession, never touches what he perceives the meaning to be. An honest translator leaves that to interpretation. A pastor or teacher must begin with a text that has been untouched and then from such a pure foundation, proceed to search for the proper interpretation themselves.

Distaste for the Textus Receptus

The NIV translators make no bones about their distaste for the text that underpins the King James Authorized Version of Holy Scripture. This is the primary difference in all modern versions. The Textus Receptus reflects well over 90% of all manuscripts. This manuscript background was considered primary for all non-Catholic believers from the early church fathers right down to Westcott and Hort of the late 19th century. From the end of that century (a little over one hundred years ago) it took almost one hundred of those years for the Westcott and Hort dependency on a different set of manuscripts to become the accepted text within the evangelical world.

Let's allow the NIV translators to express their opinion of this change. This chapter in the NIV defense was written by Ronald F. Youngblood. I quote, "It is now almost universally recognized that the Textus Receptus (TR) contains so many significant departures from the original manuscripts of the various New Testament books that it cannot be relied on as a basis for translation into other languages."

"It is simply to point out that in most cases the readings found in older manuscripts, particularly the Greek uncials Vaticanus and Sinaiticus of the fourth century A.D., are to be preferred to those found in later manuscripts, such as those that reflect the TR." (*The NIV: The Making of a Contemporary Translation*, Kenneth L. Barker (Editor), pp. 111-112.)

Please note the names of two manuscripts that stand out in this quote. The Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus are the primary sources for the multitude of disputes, omissions of entire verses, and additions in the NIV text. These two manuscripts came from the full possession of the Roman Catholic Church. The Vaticanus is named after the Vatican in Rome. The Sinaiticus was found in a Catholic monastery in the Sinai Desert and is so named after that monastery. Just to know that the main/primary manuscripts willingly named by the NIV people were formerly Catholic possessed and promoted is enough for me.

The translators and transcribers of these early manuscripts were men such as Clement, Origen, and other Egyptian reprobates that were quick to denigrate the divinity of Jesus Christ and to attack other great truths of the Holy Bible. These two manuscripts do not agree with each other and have no real authority or reason for such an impact on the Biblical text except for the fact of their ages. Just because they are two of the most ancient manuscripts and because Rome exalts them, they are declared more reliable. When you look at the total picture of all available manuscripts, less than 1% agree with the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus.

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with the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus.

To justify the many changes and declarations in the NIV text, Edwin H. Palmer, the executive secretary for the committee on Bible translation for the NIV, wrote the following: "The KJV is not, however, the best translation to use today. This is so for two reasons: (1) it adds to the word of God and (2) it has now obscure and misleading renderings of God's Word. They did their best, but all they had to work with was a handful of copies of the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament books. In a few sections they had no Greek manuscript at all! Instead, they had to rely on the Latin Vulgate's rendering of what they thought must have originally been in the Greek!

"Through the providence of God, many more Greek manuscripts had been preserved and were subsequently discovered – in fact, more than five thousand of them. Some of the Greek manuscripts date back to the four hundreds and three hundreds – even to about A.D. 200. These ancient manuscripts were more reliable and more accurate, not being corrupted by errors made during countless times of copying, such as occurred with the late manuscripts used by the KJV." (The NIV: The Making of a Contemporary Translation, Kenneth L. Barker (Editor), pp. 142-143.)

After giving many examples in the King James Bible that he says are erroneous renderings of scripture according to the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus, he closes with the following statement. "Yet the KJV adds to (and so alters) God's Word, and it has now-obscure and misleading renderings of many verses. Scores of examples were given, but hundreds of others could have been given. For one who loves God and wants to know exactly what God says to him, a modern translation that is accurate and clear is necessary. Elsewhere I have written:

*Do not give them a loaf of bread, covered with an inedible, impenetrable crust, fossilized by three and a half centuries.
Give them the Word of God as fresh and warm and clear as the Holy Spirit gave it to the authors of the Bible...*

For any preacher or theologian who loves God's Word to allow that Word to go on being misunderstood because of the veneration of an archaic, not-understood version of four centuries ago is inexcusable, and almost unconscionable." (The NIV: The Making of a Contemporary Translation, Kenneth L. Barker (Editor), p. 156.)

Mr. Palmer died suddenly before this book with his above quotation was published.

The NIV and the Doctrine of the Everlasting Lake of Fire

One of the enduring legacies of this apostate Bible is the complete denial of everlasting punishment for the wicked. I cover this in a booklet entitled: "What Happened to Hell?" Briefly let me state that the translators of the NIV emphatically deny that hell or the Lake of Fire is everlasting judgement.

The title of this chapter is "Why Hebrew 'Sheol' was Translated 'Grave.'" Two quotes will show that rank apostasy reigns utterly in this chapter. The writer stated:

"The curse on the wicked is that they might lie silent in the 'grave'. (Sheol in Ps. 31:17)."

"The terms bor and shahat are used similarly to Sheol. The psalmist thanks God that he was spared from death, the pit, the dust, the decay, where his dust would lie in silence and no take part in the worship of God. If Sheol here refers to departed spirits, it proves too much! It would prove soul sleep at the least. Much better to find in these terms only a reference to the body and its decay."

There are many incredible changes in the NIV Bible. They can only be justified by declaring allegiance to the strange manuscripts from the Roman Catholic Church archives. These two primary manuscripts came from Alexandria, Egypt, while the Textus Receptus manuscripts were preserved in and flowed from Antioch where the early church set up headquarters after having to flee Jerusalem in the first century A.D.

Here are a few changes that are overwhelming to me:

- Jesus is called "Master" forty-six times in the New Testament. The NIV used the term "teacher" instead of "Master." Why reduce Jesus to a teacher when His very Person calls for the term "Master"?
- "Sodomy" was eliminated from their text. The rendering was changed to "temple prostitute." Yes, the Sodomites were "temple prostitutes" but were more than just "temple prostitutes." This is a serious violation and was applauded by Virginia Mollencott, a lesbian that served as a consultant and English stylist (The word "fornication" was also completely removed.)
- The word "Lucifer" was removed from Isaiah 14:12 and Satan was actually called, "O morning star," the same title given to Jesus in the Book of Revelation.
- The following sixteen verses are completely missing from the NIV New Testament:
 1. "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:21)
 2. "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." (Matthew 18:11)
 3. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation." (Matthew 23:14)
 4. "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear." (Mark 7:16)
 5. "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:44)
 6. "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:46)
 7. "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:26)
 8. "And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors." (Mark 15:28)
 9. "Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left." (Luke 17:36)
 10. "(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)" (Luke 23:17)
 11. "For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had." (John 5:4)
 12. "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:37)
 13. "Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still." (Acts 15:34)
 14. "But the chief captain Lysias came [upon us], and with great violence took [him] away out of our hands," (Acts 24:7)
 15. "And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves." (Acts 28:29)
 16. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen." (Romans 16:24)
- A process was begun in the NIV to produce a gender free Bible. The following masculine words were reduced by count. ('he' 758 times, 'him' 1240, 'his' 1313, and man, 509). The NIV has already sold and then withdrawn a gender free edition right here in America.

Here are a few verses to show the seriousness of what these apostate translators have done to the Word of God.

Exodus 6:3:

"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

"I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them."

Psalms 83:18:

"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."

"Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD – that you alone are the Most High over all the earth."

Romans 1:20

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

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"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

I John 5:7-8

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement."

Luke 1:28

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

"The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.'"

Luke 2:22

"And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;"

"When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Luke 2:33

"And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him."

"The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him."

Luke 6:48

"He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock."

"He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built."

Luke 9:56

"For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

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Luke 17:36

"Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

Scripture removed from the NIV

Conclusion

Making a case against the NIV is a simple matter. This version is loved by a compromising church but it cannot be anointed by the Spirit of Truth. Truth is either pure or it is not truth. To dare use a Bible that has blasphemed the Son of God by declaring His truth to be a lie cannot be accepted by a Bible believing person.

For the church world to accept two manuscripts right out of the bosom of the Roman Catholic Church is unthinkable unless you are on your way back to Mother Harlot. The proof is now available for all to see. The evangelical world is going home to her greatest enemy of all the ages of the church dispensation.

I receive thousands of calls, letters, and E-mails. Often these callers tell me of being glorious saved by the blood and then a growing concern begins to develop that something is wrong with the Bible they are reading. It does not take long for a saved, Spirit filled person to feel like they are reading from a Bible that just does not feel right. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and He will lead a true disciple to the total and ultimate truth.

The Bible (truth) is forever settled in Heaven and the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Truth. His saving presence will lead you into all truth. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

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Question #57

QUESTION: Was Erasmus, the editor of the Textus Receptus, a "good" Roman Catholic?

ANSWER: Erasmus, who edited the Greek text which was later to be known as the Textus Receptus, was an embarrassment to the pope and a poor example of a "good" Roman Catholic.

EXPLANATION: Desiderius Erasmus was born in 1466 and died in 1536 at the age of seventy. This was no mean feat during the days when the plagues, coupled with primeval medical practices, worked together to limit the average age of a man's life to approximately 35-40 years.

Both of his parents fell victim to that same plague while Erasmus was just a lad. He and his brother were then placed in the care of an uncle who promptly sent them off to a monastery just to be rid of them. Thus Erasmus's destiny was sealed long before he could ever have a say in the matter.

Young Erasmus became well known for his charm, urbanity and wit, and was in possession of an obviously above average intellect. He was later to choose to be an Augustinian on the sole attribute that they were known to have the finest of libraries.

His behavior was somewhat bizarre by Augustinian standards. He refused to keep vigils, never hesitated to eat meat on Fridays, and though ordained, chose never to function as a priest. The Roman Church had captured his body, but quite apparently his mind and heart were still unfettered.

He is known to history as one of the most prolific writers of all times.

Erasmus was a constant and verbal opponent of the many excesses of his church. He berated the papacy, the priesthood and the over indulgences of the monks. He stated that the monks would not touch money, but that they were not so scrupulous concerning wine and women. He constantly attacked clerical concubinage and the cruelty with which the Roman Catholic Church dealt with so called "heretics." He is even credited with saving a man from the Inquisition.

One of his many writings consisted of a tract entitled "Against the Barbarians" which was directed against the overt wickedness of the Roman Catholic Church.

He was a constant critic of Pope Julius and the papal monarchy. He often compared the crusade leading Pope Julius to Julius Caesar. He is quoted as saying, "How truly is Julius playing the part of Julius." He also stated, "This monarchy of the Roman pontiff is the pest of Christendom." He advised the church to "get rid of the Roman See." When a scathing satire, in which Pope Julius was portrayed as going to Hell, written in anonymity was circulated, it was fairly common knowledge that its author was Erasmus.

He was offered a bishopric in hopes that it would silence his criticism. He rejected the bribe flat.

Erasmus published five editions of the New Testament in Greek. They were brought out successively in 1516, 1519, 1522, 1527 and 1535. His first two editions did not contain I John 5:7 although the reading had been found in many non-Greek texts dating back as early as 150 A.D. Erasmus desired to include the verse but knew the conflict that would rage if he did so without at least one Greek manuscript for authority. Following the publication of his second edition, which like his first consisted of both the Greek New Testament and his own Latin translation, he said that he would include I John 5:7 in his next edition if just **one** Greek manuscript could be found which contained it. Opponents of the reading today erringly charge that the two manuscripts found had been specially produced just to oblige Erasmus's request, but this charge has never been validated and was not held at the time of Erasmus's work.

The Roman Catholic Church criticized his works for his refusal to use Jerome's Latin translation, a translation that he said was inaccurate. He opposed Jerome's translation in two vital areas.

He detected that the Greek text had been corrupted as early as the fourth century. He knew that Jerome's translation had been based solely on the Alexandrian manuscript, Vaticanus, written itself early in the fourth century.

He also differed with Jerome on the translation of certain passages which were vital to the claimed authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

Jerome rendered Matthew 4:17 thus: "Do penance, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Erasmus differed with: "Be penitent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Erasmus was also a staunch defender of both Mark 16:9-21 and John 8:1-12. Zeal which our modern day scholars cannot seem to find.

Possibly Erasmus's greatest gift to mankind was his attitude toward the common man. In the rigidly "classed" society in which he lived, he was an indefatigable advocate of putting the Scripture in the hands of the common man. While Jerome's Latin had been translated at the bidding of the Roman hierarchy, Erasmus translated his Latin with the express purpose of putting it into the hands of the common people of his day. A practice that the Roman Catholic Church knew could be dangerous to its plan to control the masses.

Erasmus is quoted as saying, "Do you think that the Scriptures are fit only for the perfumed?" "I venture to think that anyone who reads my translation at home will profit thereby." He boldly stated that he longed to see the Bible in the hands of "the farmer, the tailor, the traveler and the Turk." Later, to the astonishment of his upper classed colleagues, he added "the masons, the prostitutes and the pimps" to that declaration.

Knowing his desire to see the Bible in the hands of God's common people, it seems not so surprising that God was to use his Greek text for the basis of the English Bible that was translated with the common man in mind, the King James Bible.

It has been said that "Erasmus laid the egg that Luther hatched." There is probably far more truth to this statement than can be casually discerned. For the reformers were armed with Erasmus's Bible, his writings and his attitude of resistance to Roman Catholic intimidation. Of Luther he said, "I favor Luther as much as I can, even if my cause is everywhere linked with his." He wrote several letters on Luther's behalf, and wholeheartedly agreed with him that salvation was entirely by grace, not works.

He refused pressure by his Roman Catholic superiors to denounce Luther as a heretic. If Erasmus had turned the power of his pen on Luther, it would undoubtedly have caused far more damage than the powerless threats of the pope and his imps were able to do. As it is, only his disagreement with Luther's doctrine of predestination ever prompted him to criticize the Reformer with pen and ink.

Erasmus's greatest point of dissension with the Roman Church was over its doctrine of salvation through works and the tenets of the church.

He taught that salvation was a personal matter between the individual and God and was by faith alone. Of the Roman system of salvation he complained, "Aristotle is so in vogue that there is scarcely time in the churches to interpret the gospel." And what was "the gospel" to which Erasmus referred? We will let him speak for himself.

"Our hope is in the mercy of God and the merits of Christ." Of Jesus Christ he stated, "He ... nailed our sins to the cross, sealed our redemption with his blood." He boldly stated that no rites of the Church were necessary for an individual's salvation. "The way to enter paradise," he said, "is the way of the penitent thief, say simply, Thy will be done. The world to me is crucified and I to the world."

Concerning the most biblical sect of his time, the Anabaptists, he reserved a great deal of respect. He mentioned them as early as 1523 even though he himself was often called the "only Anabaptist of the 16th century." He stated that the Anabaptists that he was familiar with called themselves "Baptists." (Ironically, Erasmus was also the **FIRST** person to use the term "fundamental.")

So we see that when Erasmus died on July 11, 1536, he had led a life that could hardly be construed to be an example of what could be considered a "good Catholic."

But perhaps the greatest compliment, though veiled, that Erasmus's independent nature ever received came in 1559, twenty-three years after his death. That is when Pope Paul IV put Erasmus's writings on the "Index" of books, forbidden to be read by Roman Catholics.

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Your Bible Version Questions Answered

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Question: Wasn't Erasmus, whose work led to the Textus Receptus and ultimately the King James Bible, really a Roman Catholic? Doesn't this mean that the King James Bible is just another Roman Catholic Bible?

Answer: Erasmus was raised a Catholic, and did not openly "leave" the Roman Catholic religion, but he did not believe Roman Catholic doctrine either. In fact, his best friends and defenders were the Christians, like the Anabaptists and Martin Luther. Here is proof from researcher Gail Riplinger.

Gail Riplinger, author of [New Age Bible Versions](#) and [The Language of the King James Bible](#) has written another excellent book, **[The History of the Bible: Erasmus and the Received Text](#)**. In it she proves the Christian, Biblical beliefs of Erasmus and exposes the evil motives of the people who try to defame him. The following research can be found in her book.

Did Erasmus' contemporaries believe he was a Catholic?

The following are quotes from various researchers:

"In the midst of the group of Protestant scholars who had long been his truest friends, and so far as is known, without relations of any sort with the Roman Catholic Church, he died." ¹

"He died at Basel in 1536, committed to neither party, but amid an admiring circle of friends who were all on the , Reformed side." ²

[He was an] "ex monk ... a Protestant pastor preached his funeral sermon and the money that he left was used to , help Protestant refugees." ³

"In 1559 Pope Paul IV 'placed everything Erasmus had ever written , on The Index of Forbidden Books." ⁴

"[H]e was branded an impious heretic, and his works were forbidden , to Catholic readers" ⁵

"The Council of Trent , condemned Erasmus' translation" ⁶ of the Bible. It is clear that his Bible was not a perverted Roman Catholic Vulgate translation at all.

In 1527, Spanish "monks of the Inquisition began a systematic scrutiny of Erasmus' works, with a view to having [Erasmus] condemned , as a heretic." ⁷

In his own words

Listen to Erasmus explain his own views:

"All I ask for is the leisure to live wholly to God, to repent of the sins of my foolish youth, to study Holy Scriptures, and to read or write something of real value. I could do nothing of this , in a convent." ⁸

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